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Amount of fine in connexion with the Mappilla rebellion.

626 *Q.*—Mr. A. D. M. Bavotti Sahib: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the amount of fine and the proceeds of the sale of confiscated properties in the Malabar rebellion?

A.—Rupees 9,96,089 had been imposed in the shape of fines by December 1st, 1922. This includes a large amount which is to be collected by instalments.

There have been no receipts from the sale of confiscated property.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"With regard to the second part of the answer, Sir, I wish to know if any sales of confiscated property were held at all."

The hon. Mr. A. R. Knapp:—"I am not aware, Sir, that there was any confiscated property at all so realized."

Mosques and Mappilla schools destroyed during the Mappilla rebellion.

627 *Q.*—Mr. A. D. M. Bavotti Sahib: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many mosques and madarasas (indigenous schools) were burnt or destroyed by the military or police forces in the rebellion; and

(*b*) whether any compensation was paid or ordered to be paid for them?

A.—The Government are not aware that any mosques were burnt or destroyed by the military or police during the rebellion and would be glad if the hon. Member would inform them if he knows of any such cases. As regards madarasas the Government have no information.

Effects of enhancement of charges on coupe contractors.

628 *Q.*—Mr. B. P. Devarajulu Nayudu: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether the coupe contractors of the South Cuddapah forest division have submitted petitions to the district forest officer and the conservator of forests complaining of the serious losses they incur as a result of the enhancement of railway freight charges;

(2) whether it is a fact that none of the coupes in the Bulupalli range supplying fuel to Madras have started any work up till now;

(3) whether this has resulted in loss of income to the Government; and

(4) whether the Government have taken or propose to take any action in the matter?

A.—(1) Yes.

(2) No. Out of seven coupes sold, four coupes are working and only three coupes are not worked.

(3) Yes.

(4) The matter is being investigated by the forest officers and the railway authorities.